

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM REVIEW OF STRAW PROPOSAL ON  
FUTURE REMUNERATION RELATED TO LOW INCOME ENROLLMENT IN CRDG**

**WORKSHOP NOTICE**

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) gives notice that the Commission will conduct a workshop at its offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island on **April 14, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A. The workshop will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

At the February 18, 2021 Open Meeting to consider the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth (REGrowth) Program Year (Docket No. 5088), the PUC rejected a proposed Community Remote Distributed Generation (CRDG) adder related to low and moderate income (LMI) enrollment on the basis that it was not properly designed to meet the stated goal, was too limited in scope, resulted in more costs than benefits to customers, and increased barriers to participation by the intended participants rather than lowering them. The PUC explained that it believes there are less expensive and more efficient ways to reach more LMI customers through the REGrowth program. The PUC directed staff to draft a formal proposal to encourage greater enrollment of LMI customers in CRDG.

At an open meeting held on March 29, 2021, the PUC reviewed a staff straw proposal and adopted it for further discussion and review. The focus of the proposal is on enrollment of LMI customers (A-60) into CRDG projects. The proposal would include metrics designed to base a portion of National Grid's financial remuneration on enrollment of LMI customers into CRDG projects. The authority for this approach is derived from R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26.6-12(j). Participants at this workshop will include representatives from National Grid, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, and the Office of Energy Resources. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the straw proposal to ensure all participants understand the proposal and provide for a dialogue among participants as an initial step in refining a metric for inclusion in a future REGrowth design. The goal is to include a proposal in the 2022 REGrowth Program Year.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Explanation of Straw Proposal by PUC Staff
3. Discussion among participants to gain clarification
4. Feedback on the proposal
5. Other comments of participants
6. Possible discussion of next steps
7. Adjourn

The Straw Proposal is available for examination at the PUC's office. The proposal can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk

April 9, 2021